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## Chief's Corner: Kansas Response Plan Update: 2017

The state of Kansas is prepared to respond to a disaster or emergency in a coordinated, effective and efficient manner through the use of a singular state plan known as the Kansas Response Plan (KRP). The KRP aligns policy, processes, capabilities, and resources of the state into a unified, all discipline, and all hazards approach to incident management. Further the KRP is built utilizing the principles of the National Incident Management System and the National Response Framework enabling proven management approaches for all jurisdictional levels, regardless of the cause, size, or complexity of the incident. The KRP is designed to support both county and federal emergency response plans and requires a Governor's Proclamation in response to a local disaster or emergen-

cy for implementation.

The KRP is re-promulgated every three years in which the Kansas Division of Emergency Management is responsible for coordinating the overall maintenance. However, the plan development is all inclusive and relies largely on Emergency Support Function (ESF) Coordinators to facilitate the outlining of roles and responsibilities within their

respective groupings. These ESF groups are composed of government and specific private-sector partners that share like capabilities and allow, through the formation of an organizational structure within the plan, the ability to provide support, resources, program implementation, and services that are most likely to be needed to save lives, protect property and the environment, restore essential services and critical infrastructure,

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“ Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now. ”

~ Alan Lakein

and help communities return to normal, when feasible, following an incident.

Throughout this past year the 2014 KRP has been under review by the core KRP planning team and the ESF groups in preparation for the expected January 2017 promulgation of the updated plan. The planning team intends on soliciting emergency management community feedback on the 2017 KRP draft. The State engagement period will be throughout December and provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the draft so that it may reflect the collective expertise and experience of the whole community. For those interested, starting December 1, 2016 the 2017 KRP draft will be available for review and comment by visiting: <http://kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=186>.



## Continuity of Operations Training

### COOP 101

Site specific training available upon request (with a months notice) for any State or County entity.

Training can be multi-tiered and tailored for any level of staff involvement.

Requestor is responsible for venue, however, local businesses are encouraged to join any session with permission from the requestor.

### ONLINE TRAINING

Online training can be found at:

<http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>

Recommended:

- IS-547 An Introduction to Continuity of Operations
- IS-526 Mission Essential Functions Workshop
- IS-545 Reconstitution Planning Course
- IS-546 Continuity of Operations Awareness
- IS-548 Continuity of Operations Program Manager
- IS-551 Continuity of Operations Devolution Planning

Check this out!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25, 2016— Intermediate COOP Workshop (Topeka)

>> Find additional information and register at:

<https://ks.train.org>

### CONTACT

To schedule COOP 101 training or for questions concerning the development of COOP plans contact:

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<http://kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=473>

# New Health Emergency Preparedness Regulations and County Emergency Management

Message from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

On September 16, 2016, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published their final rule establishing national emergency preparedness requirements for Medicare- and Medicaid-participating providers and suppliers. These regulations affect 17 medical provider types and greatly increases their responsibilities for emergency preparedness efforts. Some of these provider types are: hospitals, critical access hospitals, rural health clinics, long-term care facilities, and community mental health centers but also includes other more specialized medical provider types. While detailed implementation survey guidance has yet to be released, facilities have been given the date of November 16, 2017 as a marker.

While specifics vary across these 17 provider types, in general these organizations are expected to: conduct a facility hazard vulnerability analysis, develop an emergency operations plan, develop policies and procedures to implement the emergency preparedness plan, develop an emergency communications plan, train staff on emergency responsibilities, participate in community full-scale exercises annually, and participate in a second exercise of any type. Incorporated within these requirements is participation with local emergency preparedness organizations for planning and exercising.

KDHE Preparedness Program has already begun working with various organizations and providers on steps to meet some of these requirements. It is likely that some, most or all of these providers may look to the county emergency management and LEPC to help meet community collaboration requirements related to planning and exercising. This could be a boost to LEPC membership and attendance to help continue to improve Kansas' ability to more broadly prepare and mitigate for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. As has been for the past nearly 15 years, KDHE Preparedness Program will work with KDEM on information sharing and alignment of activities as possible to support Kansas communities.



## Disaster Planning: Not County Exclusive

It's a theme within emergency management that "all disasters are local." Yet, quite honestly, planning resources are sparser the closer to the disaster you get. This is not referring to operational response resources such as first responders and respective equipment, but moreover referring to trainings, systems, and subject-matter experts to perform specific pre-incident disaster planning. In addition, it goes without saying that there are challenges coordinating between different levels of government which often prevents the designed trickledown approach that's mostly utilized to improve our nation's disaster resilience.

Understanding these challenges the League of Municipalities, Kansas Emergency Management Asso-

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ciation, and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management have engaged in discussions focused on bringing available emergency management resources to the municipal level. One such resource to highlight in regards to emergency planning is the Kansas Planner, also known as the supersystem. All county disaster agencies are required by legislation to complete emergency operation plans (EOP) and nearly all utilize the supersystem to assist in the construction of their plan. However, due to the before mentioned challenges of coordinating between levels of government there is often the potential gap between planned municipal response actions and the county EOP. Municipalities are encouraged, if interested, to utilize the supersystem for their own EOP development and through coordination with the county emergency manager bridge any gaps in response. Additionally, the supersystem is a great tool and available resource to municipalities for Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP).

In short, by allowing all levels of government to benefit from the available resource that is Kansas Planner community resilience is greatly increased which is the ultimate goal for all government regardless of level. Municipal agencies interested in using Kansas Planner should engage their county emergency managers and emergency managers are encouraged to promote exploring the potential use of the supersystem with their jurisdictions. Regular workshops, trainings, and webinars are available for new system users.

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## Did you know about this resource? The Kansas State Animal Response Team.

The State Animal Response Team Coalition of Kansas is emergency management's resource for pets in a disaster in Kansas! This trained coalition of volunteers is prepared to provide temporary shelter and care for animals displaced in a disaster. They stand ready to deploy across Kansas at the request of emergency management. The Kansas State Animal Response Team (KSSART), the umbrella agency for the Coalition, manages policy, procedures and training for the local teams and provides coordinative efforts in a disaster. The local teams (county or regional) are the deployable resource and the public education advocates of the coalition. The regional/county teams are responsible for: educating the public on animal disaster preparedness and response (often at the county level by the regional sub-group of CART volunteers) and responding in disasters, when requested by emergency management, to provide temporary shelter and care for pets displaced by a disaster.

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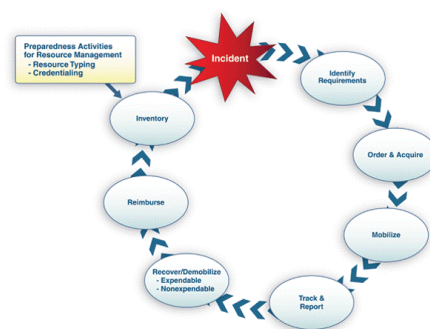
Email: [administrator@kssart.org](mailto:administrator@kssart.org)

>> ACCESS/SEARCH DEPLOYABLE EQUIPMENT ONLINE AT [http://maps.kansastag.gov/kansas\\_mapv4/](http://maps.kansastag.gov/kansas_mapv4/)

## CRMCS Training

The Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System (CRMCS) is a statewide resource management and situational awareness tool that's designed to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of emergency services through utilizing the NIMS resource management concepts. The application allows for the pre-credentialing of responders and inventorying of assets which additionally can be tracked near real-time during an incident.

Below is a flowchart of the life of a resource (personnel or equipment) throughout an incident.



Notice that there is a distinct beginning and end with the incident occurrence. To effectively and efficiently manage a resource it is essential that preparedness activities such as credentialing and resource typing occur.

These preparedness activities in Kansas are completed through the use of a CRMCS cloud application called SalamanderLive. Every agency within the emergency management community, from state to municipal, is highly encourage to utilize the system and can now begin without any formal training.

Online trainings are now available through Salamander University accessed through the system. The training modules allow new users the ability to learn how to navigate and quickly benefit from using the system. Each module is separated into lessons so the user can train at their own speed or target specific training needed.

These modules are currently available:

SAL 100—Introducing SalamanderLive  
SAL 101—Administrative Setup  
SAL 102—Using SalamanderLive TAG  
SAL 103—Using SalamanderLive TRACK  
SAL 104—Using the 01 TAG APP  
SAL 105—Using the 02 TRACK APP  
SAL 106—GIS Mapping  
SAL 107—Salamander Identity Verification

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## Kansas Mitigation Program Overview

<u>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)</u>		<u>Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)</u>
Open Disasters:	5	Ongoing Projects: <b>FY 15—2 projects (safe rooms)</b>
Open Projects:	14	Significant Upcoming Dates: <b>None</b>
Projects Approved YTD:	5	<b>Resources:</b> <a href="#">HMA Grants Fact Sheet</a> ; <a href="#">FY16 PDM Fact Sheet</a> ; <a href="#">FY16 FMA Fact Sheet</a>
YTD Approved Projects Amount:	<b>\$1,275,000</b>	
Current Disasters Project Amounts:	<b>\$4,120,000</b>	
Recent (4 mos.) Disasters Declarations:	<b>None</b>	
Significant Upcoming Dates:	<b>None</b>	
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## Pets Are A Large Reason People Will Not Evacuate in a Disaster

Message from the Kansas State Animal Response Team

The American Veterinary Medical Association defines the Human-Animal Bond as 'mutually beneficial and dynamic relationship between people and animals that is influenced by behaviors that are essential to the health and well-being of both'. The Human-Animal Bond is so powerful that people will risk their safety to keep or rescue their pet during a disaster. The recent floods that devastated Louisiana claimed 13 lives; 11 parishes have been designated a natural disaster area. In one parish alone a disaster shelter has housed 1,300 animals including dogs, cats, birds, horses, cows, pigs, and goats for several weeks. What is your plan? Have you exercised your plan?

The 2016 Kansas Animal Response Exercise will be held at Crisis City on October 14-16, 2016. Saturday will be a day of small focused drills, training volunteers and veterinarians on the various tasks of animal response. Sunday a disaster exercise will put those skills to the test. Instructors include veterinarians and expert animal response/rescue trainers with disaster response experience from the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Code 3 Associates and Humane Society of the United States. Horses will be included in the large animal training block, provided by the Saline County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol. Kansas Search and Rescue Dog Association (KSARDA) and GPSK9's Inc. will provide dogs for the small animal sheltering training block and offer search and rescue demonstrations. Many other agencies are offering time, resources and talent to make this an incredible training opportunity for all involved! KS SART would like to thank KDEM for allowing this weekend workshop to take place at Crisis City!

KS SART invites personnel from Emergency Management, and anyone interested in learning more about animal response, to this exercise. You may attend one or all three days. Registration is only \$60 which includes training, meals and barracks lodging.

If you are unable to attend we ask that you take this time, during

Disaster Preparedness Month, to review your animal response plans, meet with your local animal response team and ask them to attend this exercise! If you do not have a team in your county, please encourage interested community members to attend the exercise and begin to recruit animal response volunteers in your own county!

To register for this exercise and for more information please go to: <http://kssart.org/2016kare/>. If you have questions please contact Kelly Benton, KS SART Unit Coordinator and Incident Commander for the weekend workshop, at 316-200-5347 or at [administrator@kssart.org](mailto:administrator@kssart.org).

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*We are excited to offer this first-ever hands-on weekend-long animal response exercise in Kansas.*

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~ Mary Prewitt  
KS State Animal Response Team President



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# Profile of an Emergency Manager

Jason Trego, Allen County Emergency Management Director

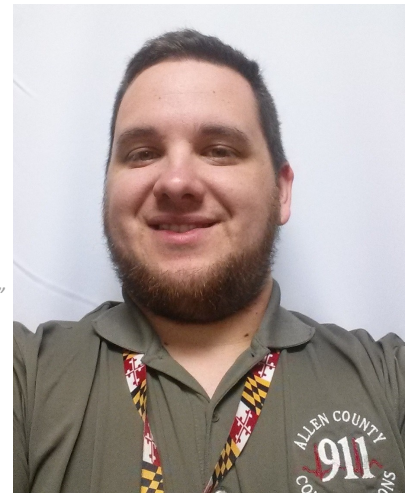
How long have you been an Emergency Manager? "1 year."

What is your most memorable experience as an emergency manager? "Planning the county's active shooter exercise that was conducted earlier this year."

What is your least memorable experience as an emergency manager? "So far, everything has been memorable."

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? "Still managing emergencies in Allen county, possibly serving on the regional team."

What are your hobbies/interest outside of work? "Spending time with family and friends. Hunting."



## Rants, Raves, Cuss and Discuss Letters To The Chief

Dear Chief,

Why is KDEM discouraging the use of a vendor for accountability training?



First to clarify, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) is offering to provide accountability training upon request and further encouraging Homeland Security regions to utilize this training. There are two considerable benefits to using this offered training, 1) optimize limited fiscal resources regionally and 2) receive custom training on the procedures outlined for disaster accountability specific to Kansas. The training is designed to fully complement the identified needs of the emergency management community in regards to disaster accountability.

Kansas is well acquainted with the CRMCS project and support for the system continues to grow. Our vendor, Midwest Card and ID Solutions, has supported us through these many years of growth and our partnership in this project endeavor will be longstanding. Frankly, however, in regards to our ability as a state to effectively utilize the system to perform disaster accountability we must "remove the training wheels," pun intended. There have been many examples of incidents

were the system has not been used as intended or used ineffectively. The main reason for failure in these examples is not due to a lack of understanding how to operate the field accountability software, but mostly from a lack of understanding the process for conducting disaster accountability and more specifically disaster accountability in Kansas.

These trainings being offered by KDEM are intended to enhance stakeholder procedural knowledge for conducting disaster accountability and designed using the National Incident Management System concepts of scalability and standardization. Additionally, these trainings bring a core set of concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes for Kansas disaster accountability created by Kansans specifically for Kansas. Again, this training is highly encouraged to be utilized and I'm confident that together, as a community, we will keep the CRMCS project upright.

Respectfully,  
Bryan Murdie

KDEM Planning and Mitigation Branch Director

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### NEXT ISSUE:

#### Anticipated KS –MAP Update

A new look and expanded features to the GIS application. With a large emphasis placed on local usability.

#### Kansas Capability Assessment Tool (KCAT)

An update to KCAT that incorporates jurisdictional scenarios and impacts allowing users to provide context to a disaster and plan resources accordingly.

#### CRMCS Training Database Expansion

New feature developments to expand on tracking training for responders and increase assurance of qualification/capabilities in the field.



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